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SUBJECT: FRANCO-IRAQI RELATIONS

REF: PARIS 24549 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONTRAST TO THE VIOLENT AND ASCERBIC REACTION
TO THE EXPULSION OF ITS DIPLOMATS FROM ENGLAND
(AND THE FUMBLING BOMB ATTEMPT AGAINST ITS AMBASSADOR),
IRAQ EVIDENTLY, AND NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, HAS DECIDED TO
HANDLE THE PARIS EVENTS AT A LESS EMOTIONAL AND MORE
PRACTICAL LEVEL.

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2. THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR RECIPROCAL EXPULSION OF
ANY FRENCH EMBASSY PERSONNEL, ACCORDING TO THE CHARGE,
AND MATTERS ARE GOING ON NORMALLY. BOTH SIDES REGRET THE
INCIDENT (AND PERHAPS THE ATTENTION PAID TO THE SHARPLY
DIVERGENT VERSIONS OF WHAT HAPPENED AT THE IRAQI
EMBASSY), AND SEEM DETERMINED TO FOCUS ON THE MORE
POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THEIR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP.

3. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS,
THE FRENCH SEE AN IMPORTANT MARKET HERE FOR A WIDE
RANGE OF THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, OF WHICH THE
MILITARY COMPONENT COULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT. THEY
ALSO VALUE THE SPECIAL PRICE TREATMENT
THEY GET ON IRAQI OIL. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE REPUTATIONS
FOR PRAGMATISM - ON A QUID PRO QUO BASIS - AND CAN BE
EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IGNORING RELATIVELY MINOR
DISTURBANCES.
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